

[0020] FIG. 7 is a chart showing an angle at a standing up, an on-resistance and a breakdown voltage of MOSFETs according to Example 2-1, 2-2 and Comparative example 2, respectively;

[0021] FIG. 8 is a cross sectional view showing an MOSFET according to a fourth embodiment;

[0022] FIGS. 9A to 9D are views showing one example of a process for producing the MOSFET shown in FIG. 8; and

[0023] FIG. 10 is a chart showing an angle at a standing up, an on-resistance and a breakdown voltage regarding individual MOSFETs according to Example 3-1, 3-2 and Comparative example 3, respectively.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0024] Embodiments of a field effect transistor and of a process for producing the field effect transistor according to the present invention will be described in detail below with reference to the drawings. The present invention is not limited to the embodiments.

[0025] FIG. 1 is a cross sectional view showing exemplary an MOSFET according to a first embodiment of the present invention. In the MOSFET 100, there are formed an AlN layer 102, a buffer layer 103 formed by laminating alternately a GaN layer and an AlN layer, and a lower part semiconductor layer 104 comprised of p-GaN on a substrate 101 comprised of sapphire, SiC, Si, or the like. A semiconductor operating layer 105 is formed on the lower part semiconductor layer 104. Regarding the semiconductor operating layer 105, a carrier drifting layer 105a, which is comprised of undoped GaN, and a carrier supplying layer 105b, which is comprised of n-AlGaIn and has a band gap energy different from that of the carrier drifting layer 105a, are laminated one by one. A recess part 105c is formed by removing a part of the carrier drifting layer 105a and of the carrier supplying layer 105b to a depth reaching the lower part semiconductor layer 104. On the semiconductor operating layer 105, a source electrode 106 and a drain electrode 107 are formed and sandwich the recess part 105c. A gate insulating layer 108, which is comprised of SiO₂ or the like, is formed over a top surface of the semiconductor operating layer 105 and a top surface 104a of the lower part semiconductor layer 104 at an inside of the recess part 105c. At the recess part 105c, a gate electrode 109 is formed on the gate insulating layer 108.

[0026] The MOSFET 100 is operated as a normally off type. Due to a two dimensional electron gas generated at an interface of the carrier drifting layer 105a to the carrier supplying layer 105b, it becomes able to obtain a low on-resistance and a faster switching operation.

[0027] In the MOSFET 100, a side wall 105d at a side of the drain electrode 107 of the recess part 105c stands up with inclining at an angle of $\theta 1$ from the top surface 104a of the lower part semiconductor layer 104. Accordingly, it is possible to alleviate a localized convergence of an electric field between the gate and the drain, as opposed to the conventional configuration where a side wall stands up vertically from a surface of a lower part semiconductor layer. As a result, it becomes able to obtain the MOSFET 100 having a high breakdown voltage.

[0028] In the MOSFET 100, the side wall 105d is inclined, so that a thickness of the carrier supplying layer 105b decreases gradually from a side of the drain electrode 107. Therefore, a density of the two dimensional electron gas to be generated at the carrier drifting layer 105a decreases gradu-

ally corresponding to the decrease in the thickness of the carrier supplying layer 105b. As a result, a reduced surface field (RESURF) region is formed directly under the gate electrode 109 for alleviating the local convergence of the electric field, thereby further improving the breakdown voltage.

[0029] When the angle $\theta 1$ is less than 90 degrees, it is able to relax the localized convergence of the electric field. It is preferable the angle $\theta 1$ is smaller than 75 degrees, and more preferably is not smaller than 65 degrees, because it is able to relax the localized convergence sufficiently. When the angle of $\theta 1$ is greater than 30 degrees, the on-resistance reduces, and a distance between the source and the drain becomes too long, thereby making it desirable to reduce a size for a device and a producing cost.

[0030] In the MOSFET 100, a side wall 105e at a side of the source electrode 106 of the recess part 105c stands up as well, with inclining at an angle $\theta 2$ from the top surface 104a of the lower part semiconductor layer 104. The angle $\theta 2$ is similar to the angle $\theta 1$. However, regarding the side wall 105e, the angle $\theta 2$ may be different from the angle $\theta 1$, and the side wall 105e may stand up vertically from the top surface 104a.

[0031] Next, a process for producing the MOSFET 100 will be described in detail below. FIGS. 2A to 2F are explanatory views explaining one example of the process for producing the MOSFET 100. In the following description, a metalorganic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD) method is used, and the invention is not limited thereto.

[0032] First, as shown in FIG. 2A, the substrate 101 comprised of Si and having an (111) plane as a principal top surface plane is set to an MOCVD device. Next, using a hydrogen gas with a concentration of 100% as a carrier gas, trimethylgallium (TMGa), trimethylaluminum (TMAI) and NH₃ are introduced at a flow rate of 58 $\mu\text{mol/min}$, 100 $\mu\text{mol/min}$ and 12 l/min, respectively. Then, the lower part semiconductor layer 104 comprised of the AlN layer 102, the buffer layer 103 and the p-GaN is epitaxially grown on the substrate 101 one by one to be at a growth temperature of 1,050° C. As a doping source of p-type corresponding to the lower part semiconductor layer 104, bis(cyclopentadienyl)magnesium (Cp₂Mg) is used. A flow rate of Cp₂Mg is controlled such that a concentration of Mg becomes approximately $1 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Next, TMGa and NH₃ are introduced at a flow rate of 19 $\mu\text{mol/min}$ and 12 l/min, respectively. The carrier drifting layer 105a comprised of an undoped GaN is epitaxially grown on the lower part semiconductor layer 104 at a growth temperature of 1,050° C. Then, TMAI, TMGa and NH₃ are introduced at a flow rate of as 125 $\mu\text{mol/min}$, 19 $\mu\text{mol/min}$, and 12 l/min, respectively. Then, the carrier supplying layer 105b comprised of n-AlGaIn having an Al composition of 25% is epitaxially grown on the carrier drifting layer 105a, thereby forming the semiconductor operating layer 105. SiH₄ is used as a doping source of n type for the carrier supplying layer 105b.

[0033] In the above description, the buffer layer 103 is formed of approximately eight layers of a GaN/AlN composite lamination having a thickness of 200/20 nm. The thicknesses of the AlN layer 102, the lower part semiconductor layer 104, the carrier drifting layer 105a, and the carrier supplying layer 105b are 100 nm, 500 nm, 100 nm, and 20 nm, respectively.

[0034] Next, as shown in FIG. 2B, using a plasma chemical vapor deposition (PCVD) method, a mask layer 110 comprised of amorphous silicon (a-Si) is formed on the carrier